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**PATENT**  
**27877.51**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Norio HAGA et al.	Art Unit: 2672
Serial No.: 09/171,236	
Filed: July 13, 1999	Examiner: M. Good-Johnson
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a ONE-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated May 17, 2004, or until September 17, 2004.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$110.00 to pay the ONE-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 15, 2004

  
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